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Most of the enclosed references were cited in a European application corresponding to the present application. A copy of the European Search Report is also enclosed. The two British references are discussed in the specification of the present application.

The present invention defines an elevator system and method for preventing unauthorized hoistway access which are not believed to be disclosed by the enclosed references.

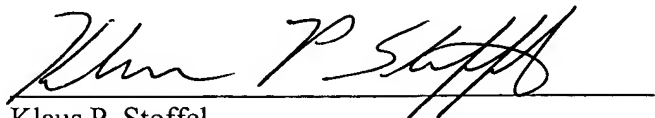
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